



Courts Project Update

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Phase II of Courthouse Project Construction Begins

Second Phase Underway

The Second Phase of the Loudoun County Court Project is underway. Most activity will be confined to the old Academy building and later will include the old Boardroom at King Street.

Phase II, by J. A. Jones/Tompkins Builders, encompasses renovation of the old Academy building with the large white pillars in front ("*Courts Complex*" building), and construction of the Law Library in the old Boardroom. Completion is expected in spring 2003.

Reduced Access to Lawn

Phase II of the Court Project requires that the lawn in front of the Academy building be closed to the public to protect the mature trees, the historic herringbone walkway and underground cultural remains from earlier human activity on this site.

Handicapped Parking Spaces

To better serve public needs, Loudoun County and the Town of Leesburg have been working together on designating two handicapped accessible parking spaces near the court's current entrance on King Street.

Parking Lot Improvements

Both the Semones Parking Lot on Slack Lane and the Pennington Parking Lot on Church Street Extended have been enlarged, paved, landscaped and are now well lit with attractive "Acorn" lights.

Additional parking will be built around the jail after the Traffic Court moves back to the court site. The Cornwall Street Traffic Court will be removed, and parking added in its place.

Once the new County Adult Detention Center is built and opened, the existing jail building will be demolished and the rest of the jail lot improved with parking. This is a future project.



Photo by Elizabeth Wheeler

The Pedestrian Detour Signs on the fence direct visitors to the temporary courts entrance on King St.

Pedestrian Detour Signs

Please follow the PEDESTRIAN DETOUR SIGNS to stay away from the construction area and traffic, and to reduce walking distance from parking lots to the Courthouse entrance at King Street near Cornwall Street. This temporary entrance will be used throughout Phase II.

The Court Grounds and Facilities Task Force

The Court Grounds and Facilities Task Force was established to provide both a long-term and unified vision for the court grounds.

Following the construction completion in spring 2003, repair and

restoration of the lawn will be necessary so that the public can freely enjoy this significant historic open space in the heart of downtown Leesburg.

The Task Force will be working with Mahan Rykiel Associates, Inc. to develop a long-term master plan for the court grounds. Meetings will be held in June for further input on the history, use and design of this prominent public gathering place.

Court Address

The mailing address, 18 E. Market Street, Leesburg, VA 20176, and the phone number, 703-777-0270, are unchanged, both during construction and at project completion in 2003.

Hotline

The J. A. Jones/Tompkins Builders hotline is 703-443-2025.



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